

STRUCTURED SELF DEVELOPMENT

Structured Self Development bridges the operational and institutional domains of Army training for enlisted Soldiers and sets conditions for continuous growth. From E-1 to E-9, SSD will ensure learning is continuous and enduring, not sporadic and transitory. SSD is required learning that continues throughout a Soldier's career and is closely linked to classroom learning in NCO Education System courses and synchronized with experiential learning in the unit. SSD sets the conditions for continuous growth as a warrior and a warrior leader. SSD builds knowledge and skills through a defined sequence of learning approaches with the assistance of formal education and experiential learning.

The Army developed SSD to bridge the operational and institutional domains and set conditions for continuous growth and life-long learning (LLL) for both the warrior and warrior leader. SSD is both an individual and first line leader responsibility executed at the individual's pace but under the supervision of the first line leader. SSD exists to build knowledge and skills through a defined sequence of learning approaches in addition to formal education and experiential learning. The Army has adopted the American Council on Education (ACE) criteria to evaluate self development materials for potential college credits.

The implementation date for SSD I for Soldiers between basic training and the Warrior Leader Course is 1 OCT 2010. Implementation for SSD III, for NCOs between the Advanced Leader Course and the Senior Leader Course, and SSD IV for NCOs between SLC and the Sergeants Major Course will be in January 2011. Implementation of SSD V for sergeants major who have graduated from SMC implementation will be in May 2011.

SSD provides for life-long learning from initial entry and throughout the Soldier's Career. Due to the current operational tempo, by having SSD online, Soldiers will be able to complete all aspects of their education on time. SSD also allows for the Soldier to conduct SSD at their work station or home station as time permits.

Click on the following link for more information on SSD: [SSD Catalog](#)

Go to the following website to register for SSD:

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/catalog/course.aspx?crstitle=structured+self-development>